



Representative Jackson D. Sayama

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District 21—St. Louis Heights, Palolo Valley, Maunalani Heights, Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki

Ready to Serve You

Happy New Year!

On behalf of my office, I wish you and your family a Happy New Year. I am honored to continue representing our community in the State House and my staff and I stand ready to serve you. With a historic 18 new House members and a new Administration, I am eager to ride this wave of change to improve our neighborhood and Hawaii.



Office Staff: (L-R) Ryan Kim (Intern), Evelyn Hee (Office Manager), Myles Yamamoto (Legislative Aide), Kaishu Tamura (Committee Clerk).

This Session, I will introduce legislation addressing Hawaii's crumbling transportation infrastructure and redevelop underutilized facilities like Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School for teacher housing and Pre-K classrooms. As Vice Chair for the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, I will work to establish a certification process for school psychologists and address Hawaii's health care worker shortage with a Nurse Licensure Compact. I encourage you to submit testimony and reach out to me on legislation that interests you. I look forward to working with you to better our community and State. Mahalo.



Next Neighborhood Board

Feb 9th	Diamond Head, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu Neighborhood Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Ala Wai Club-house 2nd Floor
Feb 8th	Palolo Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 pm. Via Webex
Feb 15th	Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Meeting, 6:30 pm. Via Webex

New Office Location & Refreshed Website

Please visit our new office at Room 328 and visit the State's new and refreshed Legislative Website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Find information about pending legislation, hearings, submit testimony and more.



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Looking Back at 2022

Affordable Housing Conference

Eager to address the rising housing prices, Rep. Sayama spoke with advocates and housing experts at the 2022 Hawaii Affordable Housing Conference. As a result of this conference, Rep. Sayama will seek to redevelop the former Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School to include affordable housing for DOE staff and the public. Redeveloping this underutilized property will help attract and retain young professionals who would otherwise leave Hawaii.



Rep. Sayama speaking with Queenie, Kala, Rep. Hashimoto, and Sen. Chang about NIMBYism.



Rep. Sayama pictured with former Senator Brian Taniguchi and students from Hiroshima Global Academy.

Japan Sister State Delegation

To encourage economic partnership, investment, and tourism, Rep. Sayama traveled with former Governor Ige to Japan. This delegation coincides with the reaffirmation and celebration of Hawaii's Sister State Relationships with Hiroshima and Yamaguchi. To learn about Hiroshima's innovations in education, industry, and energy, Rep. Sayama visited Hiroshima's Carbon Neutral Facility, Mazda Auto Factory, and the Hiroshima Global Academy.

Small Business and Parks

To celebrate the small businesses that are the cornerstone of the Kaimuki community, Rep. Sayama attended and volunteered at the Keep it Kaimuki event in November. After three years, it was wonderful to see businesses fully open and hundreds of residents enjoying the goods and services that Kaimuki small businesses have to offer. To ensure this community stays vibrant and welcoming, Rep. Sayama has worked diligently to remove graffiti at the Kaimuki Municipal Park and around the community.



Rep. Sayama removing graffiti at Kaimuki Park and on Kaimuki businesses before the Keep it Kaimuki event.

Bills and Resolutions for 2023

Here are some legislative proposals I'm working on in the 2023 Legislation Session.

Road Usage Charge

As more drivers transition to electric vehicles, the state has been losing revenue from the gas tax needed to repair Hawaii's transportation infrastructure. To find a sustainable funding mechanism, I'm working with DOT to implement a road usage charge for electric vehicles. Instead of pay a \$50-\$70 annual surcharge, EV owners will be charged a fee based on the number of miles driven in the year.

School Psychologist Certification

The pandemic has demonstrated a greater need for mental health professionals to support students and teachers in schools. To examine the effectiveness of a school psychologist position, I'm working with the Auditor to conduct a Sunrise Analysis. Once the report is complete, I will work with DCCA to form a regulatory process to ensure proper licensure for practicing school psychologists.



Rep. Sayama with former Gov. David Ige and other public leaders at the signing of the Catalytic Converter Theft Bill.

Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School Property Development

As the legislature works to increase affordable housing, I'm working with Lieutenant Governor Luke, the School Facility Authority, the DOE, UH, and community Organizations to redevelop the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School property into a mixed use development for affordable housing for teachers and Pre-K classrooms. This development would help ease the need to affordable housing, help address the teacher shortage, and advance the goal to achieve universal Pre-k.

Nursing License Compact

While Hawaii successfully overcame the challenges of the COVID pandemic, Hawaii continues to face a health care worker shortage. After attending national legislative conferences, I am inspired to explore a Nursing Licensure Compact. This policy would allow nurses licensed under this compact to practice nursing in other participating states. By doing so, I hope reduce regulatory hurdles for out of state nurses to supplement Hawaii's local health care workforce.

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\$2.88 MILLION IN CIP FUNDS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Representative Sayama remains committed to ensuring that our keiki and teachers have a safe and productive learning environment. We are proud to announce that we have secured \$2.88 Million in CIP funds to address the following needs in our schools.

Ali'iolani Elementary School

- **\$200,000** for installation of ceiling fans and heat abatement.

Jarrett Middle School

- **\$200,000** for reroofing and providing new LED Lighting.
- **\$2,200,000** for repairs and renovations due to drainage and settlement conditions.

Palolo Elementary School

- **\$280,000** for installation of ceiling fans and heat abatement.

Kaimuki High School

- **\$1,400,000** for campus telecommunication and electrical infrastructure improvements.

